



Laverne Morrison, whose family ran the Post Office and telephone company in Glenholme for many years, displays the Morrison tartan that was woven by Marian MacPhail. The McPhails once ran the General Store in Glenholme. Laverne shared stories at a recent Hymn Sing and Story Telling Evening held in Glenholme.(Harrington Photo)



Former Glenholme resident Walter Perrin (right) shared some memories with those who gathered at the Hymn Sing and Story Telling Evening held in Glenholme recently, while Lester Settle and Frances (Smith) McBurnie look on. (Harrington Photo)



Gail Hines (right), Dell Spencer(left), and Sybil Flemming(centre) served a delicious lunch of cake and ice cream following the Hymn Sing and Story Telling Evening held in Glenholme on August 9th. (Harrington Photo)

# Memories of Glenholme

By Linda Harrington

Driving through the village of Glenholme today it is hard to imagine that not so very long ago there was a hotel, flower shop, post office, feed store, telephone office, two doctors and other businesses located along that short stretch of road. Many of those who gathered at Erskine United Church on Sunday, August 9th could recall some of these businesses and they were happy to share their stories of days gone by.

Former Glenholme resident Dorothy Gray, who now lives in New Brunswick, sent a note that was read by former Erskine United Church minister Rev. Lester Settle. (Dorothy is also the sister of Karl Williams from Scrabble Hill). Dorothy recalled Ladies Aid being held at 2:00 in the hall across the road from the Church. Two ladies served lunch and there was often a quilt to work on.

Dorothy said basket socials were often held. The men would bid on a basket lunch prepared by the

women, with their intent to buy the basket made by their wife. She remembers one time her husband, Earl, bidding on the wrong basket by mistake.

Suppers were held in the Church hall and dances and card parties were held in the homes (they were not allowed in the Church). Edgar Cruikshank had the community store and Dorothy would often catch a ride into Truro with him on Tuesdays, when he went for supplies.

Dorothy also remembers helping her husband shovel their driveway and scrubbing clothes on a washboard.

Lester Settle was minister at Erskine United from 1962 to 1970. He had brought along several items for display and acted as the MC for the evening. One item was a map from 1864 that showed the names of home and business owners. He noted that Glenholme was originally called Folly Village and that there were two other spellings for the name. The original spelling was Folleigh, named after the land grant owner James Flemming, who did not think the land was very prosperous and called it his "Folleigh". This spelling was later changed to Fawleigh, which means "a rural area located on raised ground surrounded by farmland".

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Most of the historical information was collected by Edna Morrison who turned over much of her collection of information to Mr. Settle before she passed away.

The first Church at Glenholme was actually a log Church built in 1771. This Church burned down and a new one was built in 1794. The existing Church was built in 1865.

The first electricity came to Glenholme in April, 1932 supplied by the Cobequid Electrical Power Company. The Cobequid Mutual Phone Company provided telephone service from 1922-1974. The first phone was located in the General Store and everyone went there to make a phone call.

Kay Maxwell told a bit of history about her great grandfather who ran the Fraser Hotel in Glenholme. He arrived on a ship, with his trunks and baggage and 2 parrots. One parrot, she recalled, lived to be 130 years old.

Kay says that people from Truro used to come out to

the hotel by horse and buggy. They would stay for the weekend and go to the race track located in Highland Village. She has one of the last guest registers from 1902.

Lester Settle asked if anyone in the crowd had attended the old school house in Glenholme. Over a dozen hands were raised. Arlene (MacDonald) Johnson and her brother used to work as janitors at the school. "We received \$15 a month to do chores like carrying the water jugs, putting dust bane on the floor, washing the chalk boards and putting in the wood.

Walter Perrin bought his home in Glenholme for \$3200 and it came with an old grey horse, cow and calf and even a dog. There was no electricity, no mail service and no telephone. He says they used to go to the Glenholme Post Office for their mail, which arrived twice a day by train from East Mines.

"We used to be able to put in an order to Eaton's or Simpson's catalogue on Monday and we would have the parcel on Wednesday," noted Mr. Perrin.

He was able to name off many of the families that lived down the road from his

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home including same well known names as Stevens, Morrison, Halliday, MacLean, Boyd, Johnson, Fiddes, Urquart and Morris.

Mr. Perrin remembers helping the minister get his winter supply of wood. "Mr. Ewing was the minister at the time and a bunch of men in the community would get together and help cut the wood off what was known as the minister's woodlot. I was known as the "splitter", " he said. Walter moved away from Glenholme in 1976 and currently resides in Truro, but he keeps in close contact with the local area through his involvement in Royal Canadian Legion activities.

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Kay Maxwell shows Edith Rutherford some entries in the 1902 guest register from the Fraser Hotel that was located in Glenholme. Kay's great grandfather ran the hotel until 1903 and Kay brought some historical items to share with those who attended the Hymn Sing and Story Telling Evening held in Glenholme on August 9th. (Harrington Photo)

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